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**Information Required of Brokers and Dealers Pursuant to Section 17 of the
Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and Rule 17a-5 Thereunder**

REPORT FOR THE PERIOD BEGINNING 01/01/2018 AND ENDING 12/31/2018
MM/DD/YY MM/DD/YY

A. REGISTRANT IDENTIFICATION

NAME OF BROKER-DEALER: Plus Securities LLC

ADDRESS OF PRINCIPAL PLACE OF BUSINESS: (Do not use P.O. Box No.)

1133 Avenue of the Americas, 33rd Floor,

New York
(City)

10036
(Zip Code)

NAME AND TELEPHONE NUMBER OF PERSON TO CONTACT IN REGARD TO THIS REPORT
Stuart Merzer 212-956-2221

(Area Code - Telephone Number)

B. ACCOUNTANT IDENTIFICATION

INDEPENDENT PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT whose opinion is contained in this Report*

WithumSmith+Brown, PC

(Name - if individual, state last, first, middle name)

200 Jefferson Park, Suite 400 Whippany

(Address)

(City)

NJ

(State)

07981

(Zip Code)

CHECK ONE:



Certified Public Accountant



Public Accountant



Accountant not resident in United States or any of its possessions.

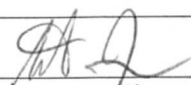
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OATH OR AFFIRMATION

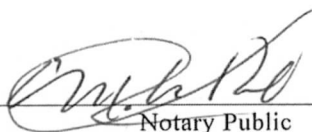
I, Stuart Merzer, swear (or affirm) that, to the best of my knowledge and belief the accompanying financial statement and supporting schedules pertaining to the firm of Plus Securities LLC, as of February 21, 2019, are true and correct. I further swear (or affirm) that neither the company nor any partner, proprietor, principal officer or director has any proprietary interest in any account classified solely as that of a customer, except as follows:



Signature

President and CCO

Title



Notary Public

MARSHA ROJAS
Notary Public - State of New York
No. 01RO6064861
Qualified in Suffolk County
My Commission Expires October 1, 2021

This report ** contains (check all applicable boxes):

- ☒ (a) Facing Page.
- ☒ (b) Statement of Financial Condition.
- ☒ (c) Statement of Income (Loss).
- ☒ (d) Statement of Changes in Financial Condition.
- ☒ (e) Statement of Changes in Stockholders' Equity or Partners' or Sole Proprietors' Capital.
- ☐ (f) Statement of Changes in Liabilities Subordinated to Claims of Creditors.
- ☒ (g) Computation of Net Capital.
- ☒ (h) Computation for Determination of Reserve Requirements Pursuant to Rule 15c3-3.
- ☐ (i) Information Relating to the Possession or Control Requirements Under Rule 15c3-3.
- ☐ (j) A Reconciliation, including appropriate explanation of the Computation of Net Capital Under Rule 15c3-1 and the Computation for Determination of the Reserve Requirements Under Exhibit A of Rule 15c3-3.
- ☐ (k) A Reconciliation between the audited and unaudited Statements of Financial Condition with respect to methods of consolidation.
- ☒ (l) An Oath or Affirmation.
- ☐ (m) A copy of the SIPC Supplemental Report.
- ☐ (n) A report describing any material inadequacies found to exist or found to have existed since the date of the previous audit.

****For conditions of confidential treatment of certain portions of this filing, see section 240.17a-5(e)(3).**

PLUS SECURITIES LLC

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
AND
SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION
(WITH REPORT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED
PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM THEREON)

DECEMBER 31, 2018

PLUS SECURITIES LLC

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REPORT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM

To the Member of Plus Securities LLC

Opinion on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying statement of financial condition of Plus Securities LLC (the "Company") as of December 31, 2018, the related statements of operations, changes in member's equity and cash flows for the year then ended, and the related notes and schedules (collectively referred to as the "financial statements"). In our opinion, the financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Company as of December 31, 2018, and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the year ended December 31, 2018, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Basis for Opinion

These financial statements are the responsibility of the Company's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit. We are a public accounting firm registered with the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States) ("PCAOB") and are required to be independent with respect to the Company in accordance with the U.S. federal securities laws and the applicable rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission and the PCAOB.

We conducted our audit in accordance with the standards of the PCAOB. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement, whether due to error or fraud. Our audit included performing procedures to assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to error or fraud, and performing procedures that respond to those risks. Such procedures included examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. Our audit also included evaluating the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

Supplementary Information

The supplementary information, the Computation of Net Capital under Rule 15c3-1 of the Securities and Exchange Commission and the Computation for Determination of Reserve Requirements and Information Relating to Possession or Control Requirements Under Rule 15c3-3 of the Securities and Exchange Commission, has been subjected to audit procedures performed in conjunction with the audit of the Company's financial statements. The supplementary information is the responsibility of the Company's management. Our audit procedures included determining whether the supplementary information reconciles to the financial statements or the underlying accounting and other records, as applicable, and performing procedures to test the completeness and accuracy of the information presented in the supplementary information. In forming our opinion on the supplementary information, we evaluated whether the supplementary information, including its form and content, is presented in conformity with 17 C.F.R. § 240.17a-5. In our opinion, the supplementary information is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the financial statements as a whole.

WithumSmith+Brown, PC

We have served as the Company's auditor since 2015.

February 20, 2019

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL CONDITION

December 31, 2018

ASSETS

Cash	\$ 1,489,306
Prepaid expenses	<u>1,124</u>
	<u>\$ 1,490,430</u>

LIABILITY AND MEMBER'S EQUITY

Liability, accounts payable and accrued expenses	\$ 38,377
Member's equity	<u>1,452,053</u>
	<u>\$ 1,490,430</u>

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STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS

Year Ended December 31, 2018

Revenues , placement fee income	\$ 302,424
Expenses	
Registered representative compensation and benefits	2,424
Professional fees	62,039
Regulatory fees and expenses	4,826
Other expenses	2,693
	<u>71,982</u>
Net income	<u>\$ 230,442</u>

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN MEMBER'S EQUITY

Year Ended December 31, 2018

Balance, beginning of year	\$ 1,221,611
Net income	<u>230,442</u>
Balance, end of year	<u>\$ 1,452,053</u>

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STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

Year Ended December 31, 2018

Cash flows from operating activities

Net income	\$ 230,442
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities and net increase in cash:	
Increase (decrease) in cash attributable to changes in operating assets and liabilities:	
Prepaid expenses	247
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	<u>12,770</u>

Net cash provided by operating activities and net increase in cash	243,459
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Cash, beginning of year	<u>1,245,847</u>
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Cash, end of year	<u>\$ 1,489,306</u>
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PLUS SECURITIES LLC

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

1. Nature of business and summary of significant accounting policies

Nature of Business

Plus Securities LLC (the "Company"), a wholly-owned subsidiary of Paulson Management II L.P. ("Paulson"), is a broker-dealer registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") and the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority ("FINRA"). The Company's principal operation is to act as a placement agent of the interests in affiliated private investment funds ("Funds"). The Funds' interests are sold in private placements to qualified accredited investors. The Company does not solicit or sell directly to retail investors and does not hold or have custody of customer funds or securities.

Basis of Presentation

The financial statements have been prepared in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America ("GAAP").

These financial statements were approved by management for issuance on February 20, 2019. Subsequent events have been evaluated through this date.

Revenue Recognition from Placement Business

Effective January 1, 2018, the Company adopted ASC Topic 606, *Revenue from Contracts with Customers* ("ASC Topic 606"). The new revenue recognition guidance requires that an entity recognize revenue to depict the transfer of promised goods or services to customers in an amount that reflects the consideration to which the entity expects to be entitled in exchange for those goods or services. The guidance requires an entity to follow a five step model to (a) identify the contract(s) with a customer, (b) identify the performance obligations in the contract, (c) determine the transaction price, (d) allocate the transaction price to the performance obligations in the contract, and (e) recognize revenue when (or as) the entity satisfies a performance obligation.

The Company solicits prospective investors to the Funds who are managed by various investment management entities, each of which is related through common control. The investment management entities compensate the Company with placement fees for the successful solicitation of investors. The Company recognizes placement fees at the point in time the placement is complete since there are no significant actions which the Company needs to take subsequent to this date and the performance obligation has been satisfied. Expenses associated with such transactions are deferred until the related revenue is recognized or the engagement is otherwise concluded. Amounts earned generally consist of the following components:

Quarterly placement fee of \$75,000 payable in arrears on the last business day of the fiscal quarter and settled in cash.

Monthly placement fee calculated at a rate of 20 basis points of the amount of successful placements of Fund interests. As discussed in Note 4, Related Party Transactions, the monthly placement fee may be offset against amounts owed in lieu of a cash settlement.

The Company has evaluated the new guidance and has determined that the adoption does not impact the Company's financial statements and a cumulative effect adjustment under the modified retrospective method of adoption is not necessary.

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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

1. Nature of business and summary of significant accounting policies (continued)

Revenue Recognition from Placement Business (continued)

Significant Judgements - Revenue from contracts with customers includes placement fees for successful solicitation of investors. Revenues from services provided are recognized at the time there is persuasive evidence that the Company's services have been substantially completed pursuant to the terms of the underlying agreements, the fee is determinable and collection of the related receivable is reasonably assured. Expenses directly associated with such transactions are deferred until the related revenue is recognized or the engagement is otherwise concluded. The recognition and measurement of revenue is based on the assessment of the underlying agreements. Significant judgement is required to determine whether performance obligations are satisfied at a point in time or over time; how to allocate transaction prices where multiple performance obligations are identified; when to recognize revenue based on the appropriate measure of the Company's progress under the contract; and whether constraints on variable consideration should be applied due to uncertain future events.

Receivables and Contract Balances – Receivables arise when the Company has an unconditional right to receive payment under a contract with a customer and are derecognized when the cash is received. Contract assets arise when the revenue associated with the contract is recognized prior to the Company's unconditional right to receive payment under a contract with a customer (i.e., unbilled receivable) and are derecognized when either it becomes a receivable or the cash is received. Contract liabilities arise when customers remit contractual cash payments in advance of the Company satisfying its performance obligations under the contract and are derecognized when the revenue associated with the contract is recognized and the performance obligation is satisfied. There were no receivables on January 1 or December 31, 2018. There were no contract assets or contract liabilities as of December 31, 2018.

Income Taxes

The Company is a limited liability company, and treated as a disregarded entity for income tax reporting purposes. The Internal Revenue Code ("IRC") provides that any income or loss is passed through to the members for federal and state income tax purposes. Accordingly, the Company has not provided for federal or state income taxes.

At December 31, 2018, management has determined that the Company had no uncertain tax positions that would require financial statement recognition. This determination will always be subject to ongoing reevaluation as facts and circumstances may require. Generally, the Company is no longer subject to U.S. federal and state income tax audits for all periods before 2015.

Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with GAAP requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Recent Accounting Pronouncements

Effective January 1, 2019, any operating leases will be subject to ASU 2016-02 which calls for the right to use lease assets and the present value of future lease payments to be reflected on the Company's Statement of Financial Condition. While this will increase the amounts reflected in that statement, the Company does not expect

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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

1. Nature of business and summary of significant accounting policies (continued)

Recent Accounting Pronouncements (continued)

that this change in generally accepted accounting principles will have any material effect on its overall financial condition, its operations or its regulatory compliance based on the short-term nature of its leasing arrangements.

2. Net capital requirement

The Company is a member of FINRA, and is subject to the SEC's Uniform Net Capital Rule 15c3-1. This Rule requires the maintenance of minimum net capital and that the ratio of aggregate indebtedness to net capital, both as defined, shall not exceed 15 to 1 and that equity capital may not be withdrawn or cash dividends paid if the resulting net capital ratio would exceed 10 to 1. At December 31, 2018, the Company's net capital was approximately \$1,451,000, which was approximately \$1,446,000 in excess of its minimum requirement of \$5,000. As of December 31, 2018, the ratio of aggregate indebtedness to net capital was .03 to 1.

3. Concentrations of credit risk

For the year ended December 31, 2018, 100% of placement fee income was earned from six companies related through common control.

The Company maintains its cash balances in one financial institution which at times may exceed federally insured limits. The Company is subject to credit risk to the extent any financial institution with which it conducts business is unable to fulfill contractual obligations on its behalf. Management monitors the financial condition of such financial institution and does not anticipate any losses from this counterparty.

4. Related party transactions

Pursuant to the Amended and Restated Lease and Shared Service Agreement (the "Agreement"), Paulson & Co. Inc., an entity related through common control, provides office space along with certain fixed assets to the Company. All costs incurred by Paulson & Co. Inc. for the maintenance and occupancy of the space provided are the responsibility of Paulson & Co. Inc. and the Company has no duty or obligation to pay, repay or reimburse Paulson & Co. Inc. for any of these expenses.

The Company compensates its registered representatives for the successful placement of Fund interests at a rate of 20 basis points of the placement amount. Registered representative compensation may be paid by Paulson & Co. Inc. and allocated to the Company in accordance with the Agreement. For the year ended December 31, 2018, total registered representative compensation paid by Paulson & Co. Inc. and allocated to the Company was \$2,424. As of December 31, 2018, accrued compensation payable was -nil-.

Pursuant to the Supplemental Placement Agreement, the Company earns placement fee revenue from related party investment management entities for the offering and placement of interests in the Funds managed by these entities. For the year ended December 31, 2018, the Company earned total placement fee income from these entities of \$302,424, of which -nil- was a receivable at December 31, 2018.

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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

4. Related party transactions (continued)

For the year ended December 31, 2018, placement fee revenue earned from the investment management entities for the successful placement of Fund interests was offset with the corresponding registered representative compensation owed to Paulson & Co. Inc. in lieu of a cash transfer or settlement. A quarterly fee of \$75,000 paid to the Company for acting as placement agent is settled in cash, which is included in the amount above.

5. Exemption from Rule 15c3-3

The Company is exempt from the SEC Rule 15c3-3 pursuant to the exemptive provision of sub-paragraph (k)(2)(i) and, therefore, is not required to maintain a "Special Reserve Bank Account for the Exclusive Benefit of Customers". As the Company does not handle customer cash or securities, it does not have any Possession and Control requirements with respect to SEC Rule 15c3-3.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

SCHEDULE I - COMPUTATION OF NET CAPITAL UNDER RULE 15c3-1 OF THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

December 31, 2018

Member's equity		\$	1,452,053
Less non-allowable asset			
Prepaid expenses			<u>1,124</u>
Net capital		\$	<u>1,450,929</u>
Aggregate indebtedness		\$	<u>38,377</u>
Computed minimum net capital required (6.67% of aggregate indebtedness)		\$	<u>2,559</u>
Minimum net capital required (under SEC Rule 15c3-1)		\$	<u>5,000</u>
Excess net capital (\$1,450,929 - \$5,000)		\$	<u>1,445,929</u>
Ratio of aggregate indebtedness to net capital	\$	<u>38,377</u>	
	\$	1,450,929	<u>0.03 to 1</u>

There are no material differences between the computation of net capital presented above and the computation of net capital in the Company's unaudited Form X-17A-5, Part II-A filing as of December 31, 2018.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

SCHEDULE II - COMPUTATION FOR DETERMINATION OF RESERVE REQUIREMENTS AND INFORMATION RELATING TO POSSESSION OR CONTROL REQUIREMENTS UNDER RULE 15c3-3 OF THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

December 31, 2018

The Company is exempt from the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") Rule 15c3-3 pursuant to the exemptive provisions of sub-paragraph (k)(2)(i) and, therefore, is not required to maintain a "Special Reserve Bank Account for the Exclusive Benefit of Customers." As the Company does not handle customer cash or securities, it does not have any Possession and Control requirements with respect to SEC Rule 15c3-3.

REPORT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM

To the Member of Plus Securities LLC

We have reviewed management's statements, included in the accompanying Rule 15c3-3 Exemption Report pursuant to SEC Rule 17a-5, in which (1) Plus Securities LLC (the "Company") identified the following provisions of 17 C.F.R. §15c3-3(k) under which the Company claimed an exemption from 17 C.F.R. §240.15c3-3: paragraph (k)(2)(i) (the "exemption provisions") and (2) the Company stated that it met the identified exemption provisions throughout the most recent fiscal year without exception. The Company's management is responsible for compliance with the exemption provisions and its statements.

Our review was conducted in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States) and, accordingly, included inquiries and other required procedures to obtain evidence about the Company's compliance with the exemption provisions. A review is substantially less in scope than an examination, the objective of which is the expression of an opinion on management's statements. Accordingly, we do not express such an opinion.

Based on our review, we are not aware of any material modifications that should be made to management's statements referred to above for them to be fairly stated, in all material respects, based on the provisions set forth in paragraph (k)(2)(i) of Rule 15c3-3 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

WithumSmith+Brown, PC

February 20, 2019

PLUS SECURITIES LLC

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION RULE 15c3-3 EXEMPTION REPORT

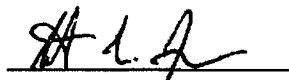
The "Company" is a registered broker-dealer subject to Rule 17a-5 promulgated by the Securities and Exchange Commission (17 C.F.R. §240.17a-5, "Reports to be made by certain brokers and dealers"). This Exemption Report was prepared as required by 17C.F.R. § 240.17a-5(d)(1) and (4). To the best of its knowledge and belief, the Company states the following:

- (1) The Company claimed an exemption from 17 C.F.R. § 240.15c3-3 under the provisions of 17 C.F.R. § 240.15c3-3 (k)(2)(i);
- (2) The Company met the identified exemption provisions in 17 C.F.R. § 240.15c3-3(k)(2)(i) throughout the most recent fiscal year without exception.

Plus Securities LLC

I, Stuart Merzer, swear that, to my best knowledge and belief, this Exemption Report is true and correct.

By:



Stuart Merzer
President
February 20, 2019